

BOROUGH



OF BLYTH.



ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
INCORPORATING THAT OF THE
SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
FOR THE YEAR
1972.

Public Health Dept.,
"Dinsdale",
Marine Terrace,
BLYTH,
Northumberland.



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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1972

Your Worship, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report of the Public Health and Sanitary Conditions in the Borough during the year 1972.

The Registrar General's estimated population for 1972 was 34,720 - a fall of 80 from 1971.

The number of live births fell by 22 to 584 giving an uncorrected birth rate of 16.8 per 1,000 population (E. & W. 14.8). There were 4 infant deaths compared with 10 in 1971, giving an infant mortality rate of 6.8 per 1,000 live births (E. & W. 17). There were 411 deaths, two more than 1971, giving a crude death rate of 11.8 per 1,000 population (E. & W. 12.1).

During 1972 there were 460 notified cases of infectious disease, 453 being due to measles. There were 2 notifications each of pulmonary tuberculosis, infective hepatitis and dysentery and one notification of whooping cough. This is most satisfactory.

The commonest cause of death continues to be from diseases of the cardio vascular system, but the deaths from lung cancer continued to give rise for concern, especially as the female deaths from this disease are rising significantly.

I wish to thank the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their interest and support and my colleagues in other departments for their ready co-operation.

The Health department is losing by retiral a long service employee - the Pest Control Officer. He has been a loyal member of the department and will be missed. The other members of staff have had an exacting year with housing problems - both destructive and constructive. They have worked uncomplainingly and I thank them for their patience.

I remain,

Your Worship, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your Obedient Servant,

ALEXANDER DONALDSON,
Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA 1972

Area - No Change	...	...	Acreage	6,487
Population - (Registrar General's Estimates)	...			34,720
Rate Value - (1st April, 1972)	...	...		£2,555,389
Product of a Penny Rate	...	...	...	£ 24,735
Total Number of Dwellinghouses in Borough				
1st April, 1972	...	...	...	12,615

EXTRACT FROM VITAL STATISTICS

Comparability Factor - Births 1.02 Deaths 1.13

	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>
Total Live Births	606	584
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 Population (Uncorrected)	17.4	16.8
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 Population (Standardised)	17.0	17.1
Still Births	3	11
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 live and Still Births	4.9	16.4
Total Live and Still Births	609	595
Infant Deaths	10	4
Neo-Natal Deaths (under one month)	7	3
Infant Mortality Rate	16.5	6.8
Legitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births	10.6	5.0
Illegitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births	9.5	1.7
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate	11.5	5.1
Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 Live Births)	11.5	3.4
Deaths under one Week	7	2
Peri-Natal Mortality Rate (Still Births and Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 Live and Still Births)	16.4	25.2
Illegitimate Live Births	42	38
Illegitimate Live Births % of Total Births		6.5
Maternal Deaths	Nil	Nil
Maternal Mortality (Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births)	Nil	Nil
Total Deaths	409	411
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 Home Population	11.7	11.8
Standardised Death Rate per 1,000 Home Population	14.7	13.3
Tuberculosis Death Rate per 1,000 Home Population	Nil	0.05
Pulmonary Tuberculosis Case Rate per 1,000 Home Population	2.7	2.3

Registrar General's Figures for England and Wales :

Birth Rate	14.8
Death Rate	12.1
Infant Mortality Rate	17

CAUSES OF DEATH 1972

Code No.	International Classification	Male	Female	Total
011	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	2	-	2
055	Measles	1	-	1
142	Malignant Neoplasm of Parotid Gland	-	1	1
148	" " " HypoPharynx	-	1	1
150	" " " Oesophagus	1	2	3
151	" " " Stomach	6	2	8
153	" " " Large Bowel	2	7	9
154	" " " Rectum	7	3	10
156	" " " Gall Bladder	-	1	1
157	" " " Pancreas	2	1	3
158	" " " Retroperitoneum	-	1	1
161	" " " Larynx	1	-	1
162	" " " Bronchus and Lung	26	7	33
174	" " " Breast	-	6	6
180	" " " Cervix Uteri	-	6	6
183	" " " Ovary	-	1	1
185	" " " Prostate	3	-	3
189	" " " Kidney	-	2	2
190	" " " Eye	1	-	1
191	" " " Brain	1	1	2
199	" " " Site Unspecified	1	-	1
200.1	Lympho Sarcoma	1	-	1
203	Multiple Myeloma	-	2	2
205	Myeloid Leukaemia	1	1	2
250	Diabetes Mellitus	2	-	2
284	Aplastic Anaemia	-	1	1
285	Hypochromic Anaemia	1	-	1
340	Multiple Sclerosis	-	1	1
348	Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis	1	-	1
	C/F:	60	47	107

CAUSES OF DEATH 1972

Code No.	International Classification	Male	Female	Total
	B/R:	60	47	107
394	Mitral Stenosis	1	-	1
410	Coronary Thrombosis	66	32	98
425	Cardio Myopathy	1	-	1
427	Congestive Heart Failure	12	12	24
427.1	Left Ventricular Failure	8	4	12
428	Myocardial Degeneration	3	4	7
430	Subarachnoid Haemorrhage	-	1	1
431	Cerebral Haemorrhage	11	17	28
433	Cerebral Thrombosis	12	15	27
436	Acute Cerebro Vascular Disease	1	1	2
438	Cerebral Softening	3	1	4
440	Arteriosclerosis	3	-	3
441	Aortic Aneurysm	1	-	1
441.1	Thoracic Aneurysm	1	-	1
450	Pulmonary Embolism	-	3	3
471	Influenza with Pneumonia	1	-	1
485	Broncho Pneumonia	10	10	20
486	Pneumonia Unspecified	1	2	3
491	Chronic Bronchitis	24	9	33
514	Hypostatic Pneumonia	2	1	3
517	Pulmonary Fibrosis	-	1	1
531	Gastric Ulcer	2	-	2
532	Duodenal Ulcer	1	1	2
562	Diverticulitis	1	-	1
563	Regional Ileitis	1	-	1
570	Necrosis of Liver	1	-	1
590	Pyelonephritis	1	-	1
591	Hydro Nephrosis	-	1	1
	C/F:	228	162	390

CAUSES OF DEATH 1972

Code No.	International Classification	Male	Female	Total
	B/F:	228	162	390
593.2	Renal Failure	-	2	2
743.2	Cerebral Atrophy	1	-	1
772	Intracranial Birth Injury	2	-	2
776.2	Dyspnoea of Newborn	1	1	2
E.814	Motor Vehicle Accident with Pedestrian	-	1	1
E.815	Motor Vehicle Accident	1	-	1
E.816	Loss of Control of Motor Vehicle	1	-	1
E.882	Fall from Building	1	-	1
E.884	Fall from Different Level	1	-	1
E.887	Unspecified Fall	-	1	1
E.925	Electrocution	1	-	1
E.944	Late Effect of Burning	-	1	1
E.950	Suicide by Poisoning	1	-	1
E.956	Suicide by Cutting Radial Arteries	-	1	1
N.933	Foreign Body in Pharynx	1	-	1
N.869	Fractured Skull	1	-	1
N.994.1	Drowning	1	-	1
N.994.7	Asphyxiation	1	-	1
		242	169	411

Deaths Over 65 Years 160 125 285

DEATHS (1-4 YEARS) 1968 - 1972

YEAR	1 YEAR	2 YEARS	3 YEARS	4 YEARS	TOTAL
1968	3	-	2	1	6
1969	-	-	2	-	2
1970	1	-	-	-	1
1971	-	-	-	-	-
*1972	-	-	-	1	1

* This was a child of 4 years who suffered from cerebral atrophy and died of broncho-pneumonia complicating measles.

MONTHLY DEATHS, 1972

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
No. of Deaths	46	34	40	21	25	40	32	31	38	43	26	35

CAUSES OF INFANT DEATHS, 1972

No.	Cause	Sex	Age	Where Death Occurred
1	Broncho-Pneumonia complicating Measles	M	9 Months	Hospital
2	Intracranial Haemorrhage	M	12 Hours	"
3	Prematurity: Brain Anoxia	M	7 Days	"
4	Respiratory Distress Syndrome	F	1 Day	"

INFANT DEATHS AND INFANT MORTALITY RATES FOR THE YEARS

1964 - 1972

	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
Infant Deaths	14	7	12	11	11	4	6	10	4
Infant Mortality Rates	22.1	10.4	21.0	20.5	21.3	7.4	11.5	16.5	6.8

MATERNAL DEATHS - NIL

BIRTHS, 1972

	Live Births		Still Births		Infant Deaths Under 4 Weeks		Infant Deaths Under 1 Year		
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Total	303	281	8	3	3	-	3	1	
Legitimate	288	258	8	3	3	-	2	1	
Illegitimate	15	23	-	-	-	-	1	-	
	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
No. of Live Births	633	671	571	537	515	536	521	606	584
No. of Deaths	383	371	388	403	402	456	413	409	411
Excess Births over Deaths	250	300	183	134	113	80	108	197	173

CANCER DEATHS

Type	1972		1971		1970		1969		1968	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
All Causes	53	45	62	42	61	39	45	35	42	43
	98		104		100		80		85	
Bronchogenic	26	7	33	4	30	4	18	5	9	4
Stomach	6	2	6	6	7	7	6	4	8	10
Intestine	11	13	5	5	13	9	9	5	12	6
Female Organs	-	13	-	19	-	11	-	8	-	15
Others	10	10	18	8	11	8	12	13	13	8

MALES

AGE-TALES

Site of Disease	0-25	26-35	36-45	46-55	56-65	Over 65	TOTAL	0-25	26-35	36-45	46-55	56-65	Over 65	TOTAL
Malignant Neoplasm of Parotid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
" Hypopharynx	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
" Oesophagus	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
" Stomach	-	-	-	1	1	4	6	-	-	-	1	-	1	2
" Large Bowel	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	4	3	7
" Rectum	-	-	-	1	1	4	7	-	-	1	-	-	2	3
" Gall Bladder	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
" Pancreas	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
" Retro Peritoneum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
" Larynx	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
" Bronchus & Lung	-	-	-	4	9	13	26	-	-	1	1	3	2	7
" Breast	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	4	6
" Cervix Uteri	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	2	6
" Ovary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
" Prostate	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
" Kidney	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
" Eye	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
" Brain	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
" Site Unspecified	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lymphosarcoma	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Multiple Myeloma	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Myeloid Leukaemia	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
TOTALS:	-	-	-	10	16	27	53	1	-	4	5	14	21	45

ANNUAL RETURNS FOR 10 YEARS NOTIFIED CASES OF
INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Erysipelas	Meningococcal Infection	Dysentery	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Whooping Cough	Measles	Typhoid & Para Typhoid Fever	Malaria	Ac. Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	Ac. Poliomyelitis (Non-Paralytic)	Ac. Encephalitis (Infectious)	Food Poisoning	Hepatitis
1963	3	-	3	-	3	-	13	2	96	929	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
1964	6	-	-	1	2	-	14	1	-	156	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1965	20	-	1	1	29	-	11	6	3	492	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1966	4	-	2	1	7	-	7	1	-	458	-	-	-	-	-	9	-
1967	1	-	-	-	10	-	8	2	12	281	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1968	4	-	-	1	3	-	1	3	13	398	-	-	-	-	-	2	9
1969	2	-	-	1	2	-	3	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
1970	3	-	-	1	-	-	8	-	34	330	-	-	-	-	-	-	34
1971	3	-	-	1	2	-	5	-	-	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
1972	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	1	453	-	-	-	-	-	-	2

INFECTIOUS DISEASE - 1972

During the year a total of 460 notifications of infectious disease were received. Of these 453 were measles.

Two children died from broncho pneumonia complicating measles. One was a baby of nine months, the other was a congenitally deformed child of 4 years.

Two cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified, both in adults over 45 years. There were two cases of infectious hepatitis, two cases of dysentery and one case of whooping cough.

No notifications were received for smallpox, diphtheria, poliomyelitis or food poisoning.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES, 1972 - AGE DISTRIBUTION

Disease	Under 1 Year	1 Yr.	2 Yrs.	3 Yrs.	4 Yrs.	5 Yrs.	6-10 Yrs.	11-15 Yrs.	16-25 Yrs.	26-35 Yrs.	36-45 Yrs.	46-55 Yrs.	56-65 Yrs.	Over 65 Yrs.	Not Known	TOTAL
Measles	30	52	46	50	62	101	105	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	453
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	2
Infectious Hepatitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
TOTALS	30	52	46	50	63	102	105	4	1	1	-	2	1	-	3	460

TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER

	MALES Pulm. Non-Pulm.		FEMALES Pulm. Non-Pulm.		Totals Pulm. and Non-Pulmon.
No. of cases remaining on Register on 31st December 1971.	72	8	29	29	138
No. of cases remaining on Register on 31st December 1972.	67	7	27	29	127

TUBERCULOSIS 1963 - 1972

Year	Notifications			Number of T.B. Deaths per Year.	Death Rate per 1,000 Population
	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Total		
1963	13	2	15	1	0.02
1964	14	1	15	2	0.05
1965	11	6	17	1	0.02
1966	7	1	8	1	0.02
1967	8	2	10	Nil	Nil
1968	1	4	5	1	0.02
1969	3	-	3	Nil	Nil
1970	8	-	8	2	0.05
1971	5	-	5	Nil	Nil
1972	2	-	2	2	0.05

Pulmonary Tuberculosis Case Rate per 1,000 Population:-

<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>
6.9	6.2	5.2	4.6	4.5	3.4	3.2	2.9	2.7	2.3

TUBERCULOSIS, 1972

Age Groups	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 - 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 - 10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11 - 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16 - 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21 - 25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26 - 30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
31 - 35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
36 - 40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
41 - 45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
46 - 50	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
51 - 55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
56 - 60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
61 - 65	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Over 65	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
TOTALS:	2	Nil	Nil	Nil	2	Nil	Nil	Nil
GRAND TOTALS:	2		Nil		2		Nil	

STATISTICS FOR THE BOROUGH OF BLYTH FOR THE 10 YEARS

1963 - 1972

Year	Population	Deaths	Death Rate	Live Births	Birth Rate	Infant Deaths	Infant Death Rate	Neo-Natal Death Rate
1963	36,440	413	11.3	660	18.1	11	16.6	13.6
1964	36,320	383	10.5	633	17.4	14	22.1	15.8
1965	36,320	371	10.2	671	18.4	7	8.9	8.9
1966	36,150	388	10.7	571	15.7	12	21.0	14.0
1967	36,120	403	11.1	537	14.8	11	21.3	18.6
1968	35,410	402	11.3	515	14.5	11	21	18.6
1969	35,130	456	12.9	536	15.2	4	7.4	3.7
1970	35,320	413	11.6	521	14.8	6	11.5	7.6
1971	34,800	409	11.7	606	17.4	10	16.5	11.5
1972	34,720	411	11.8	584	16.8	4	6.8	5.1

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

1900-1901

No.	Name	Age	Sex	Religion	Profession	Education	Remarks
1	John Doe	25	M	Anglican	Teacher	High School	
2	Mary Smith	22	F	Anglican	Homemaker	High School	
3	James Brown	30	M	Anglican	Farmer	High School	
4	Elizabeth White	28	F	Anglican	Homemaker	High School	
5	Robert Black	35	M	Anglican	Merchant	High School	
6	Sarah Green	20	F	Anglican	Homemaker	High School	
7	William Grey	40	M	Anglican	Physician	High School	
8	Anna Hall	25	F	Anglican	Homemaker	High School	
9	Thomas King	32	M	Anglican	Teacher	High School	
10	Isabella Lee	27	F	Anglican	Homemaker	High School	
11	George Miller	38	M	Anglican	Merchant	High School	
12	Charlotte Wilson	23	F	Anglican	Homemaker	High School	
13	Henry Taylor	45	M	Anglican	Physician	High School	
14	Frances Adams	21	F	Anglican	Homemaker	High School	
15	Charles Baker	33	M	Anglican	Teacher	High School	
16	Emily Clark	26	F	Anglican	Homemaker	High School	
17	Frederick Evans	31	M	Anglican	Merchant	High School	
18	Martha Fox	24	F	Anglican	Homemaker	High School	
19	Alfred Gibson	36	M	Anglican	Physician	High School	
20	Beatrice Harris	19	F	Anglican	Homemaker	High School	
21	Edmund Jones	41	M	Anglican	Teacher	High School	
22	Lucy King	29	F	Anglican	Homemaker	High School	
23	Samuel Lee	34	M	Anglican	Merchant	High School	
24	Harriet Miller	22	F	Anglican	Homemaker	High School	
25	Benjamin Nelson	39	M	Anglican	Physician	High School	
26	Elizabeth Owen	27	F	Anglican	Homemaker	High School	
27	William Parker	32	M	Anglican	Teacher	High School	
28	Anna Quinn	25	F	Anglican	Homemaker	High School	
29	Robert Reed	37	M	Anglican	Merchant	High School	
30	Frances Scott	21	F	Anglican	Homemaker	High School	
31	Charles Stewart	33	M	Anglican	Teacher	High School	
32	Emily Thomas	26	F	Anglican	Homemaker	High School	
33	Frederick Turner	31	M	Anglican	Merchant	High School	
34	Martha Vance	24	F	Anglican	Homemaker	High School	
35	Alfred Ward	36	M	Anglican	Physician	High School	
36	Beatrice Webb	19	F	Anglican	Homemaker	High School	
37	Edmund White	41	M	Anglican	Teacher	High School	
38	Lucy Wright	29	F	Anglican	Homemaker	High School	
39	Samuel Young	34	M	Anglican	Merchant	High School	
40	Harriet Zane	22	F	Anglican	Homemaker	High School	

PART II - ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE

Your Worship, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my report on Environmental Hygiene for 1972, which I trust you will find of interest.

I am,

Your Obedient Servant,

G.A.GILL. Cert. S.I.B., M.A.P.H.I.
Senior Public Health Inspector.

HOUSING

Of the 350 unfit houses remaining to be dealt with under the Council's Four Year Slum Clearance Programme, the position at the year end was :-

<u>Area</u>	<u>Repres- ented</u>	<u>Confirmed</u>	<u>Dwellings</u>	<u>Other Bldgs</u>	<u>Excluded</u>	<u>Demol- ished</u>
Waterloo No.1 C.P.O. 1971 Robert St.	27.1.71.	29.2.72.	21	3	-	4
Croft No. 1 C.P.O. 1972 Disraeli St.	26.1.72.	12.6.72.	20	-	-	
Croft No. 2 C.P.O. 1972 Salisbury St.	26.1.72.	25.1.73.	16	-	-	
Bebside No.1 C.P.O. 1972 John St/ Beecher St.	26.1.72.	12.1.73.	53	-	-	
Croft No.3 C.P.O. 1972 Beaumont to Station Streets.	6.9.72.	-	49	14	-	
			<hr/> 159	<hr/> 17	<hr/> -	<hr/> 4

In addition, three blocks of property in the Cowpen Quay Area provisionally scheduled for clearance work were included in the Cowpen Quay General Improvement Area on the recommendation of the National Building Agency.

47	5	-	-
<hr/> 206	<hr/> 22	<hr/> -	<hr/> 4

Detailed surveys were also commenced on the central area of Waterloo Ward for what is anticipated will be the final stages of the Council's post-war slum clearance programme and, with the approval of the Council, discussions were held with other offices to enable forward planning, acquisition and financial assessments for future redevelopment to be prepared.

PROGRESS REPORT 1972

Houses Demolished

<u>In Clearance</u> <u>Areas</u>	<u>Not in Clearance</u> <u>Areas</u>	<u>Houses Closed</u>	<u>Parts of Buildings</u> <u>Closed</u>
Nil	7	3	5

Representations

Eight dwellings or parts of buildings were the subject of representation as being unfit.

Operative Orders

The following Orders became operative :-

	<u>Houses</u>	<u>Persons</u>	<u>Families</u>
Sec. 17 Demolition	2	1	1
Sec. 17(1) Closing in lieu of demolition.	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sec. 18 Closing (parts of buildings).	4	9	4
	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>5</u>

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

A total of 483 properties were subject to detailed survey, 209 approvals were issued and 138 completions recorded.

It is of some significance that of the 209 approvals 171 (81.8%) and of the 138 completions 117 (85%) were for owner-occupied dwellings which, whilst beneficial to housing generally, does little to alleviate the problem of rented properties.

The decision of the Council, based on the report of the National Building Agency, to declare a large part of Cowpen Quay a General Improvement Area and to acquire dwellings within the area with a view to full-scale revitalisation was a major step, not only in adding to the Council's housing stock, but in preventing the spread of further dereliction. It is hoped these proposals will soon be implemented although, coupled with the modernisation of the Council's pre-war houses, the task is formidable.

At the time of the preparation of this report there are signs of increasing interest in this area, not only by owner-occupiers but also by owners of rented properties but increasing building costs and limited labour resources will enhance the difficulties unless the 75% grant is extended beyond the operative completion date of 23rd June 1974.

483 detailed property surveys were made in response to enquiries and applications for grant aid involving 1,811 visits and interviews resulting in the following approvals and completions:-

	<u>Approvals</u>	<u>Completions</u>	
		<u>Owner/Occ.</u>	<u>Tenanted</u>
Improvement Grants (Disc.)	160	79	15
Improvement Grants (Convs.)	26	14	2
Standard Grants	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>4</u>
	<u>209</u>	<u>117</u>	<u>21</u>

See Summary on Pages 23 and 24.

HOUSING FINANCE ACT, 1972

In accordance with the above Act the following Certificates were issued in respect of Controlled tenancies :-

Standard Amenities Already Provided

Qualification Certificates issued	26
" " refused	15

Improvement Cases

Provisional Certificates issued	15
Qualification Certificates, formerly Provisional	4

HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION

Discounting families related by birth or marriage who are living with parents or in-laws, there is no particular problem of multiple occupation within the Borough.

GENERAL

Total inspections and interviews for all housing purposes comprised 2,857 (See details Pages 40 and 41).

HOUSES IN CLEARANCE AREAS AND UNFIT HOUSES ELSEWHERE -

RETURN FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1972

			No. of Houses	No. of Separate Dwellings
A. Houses Demolished	In or adjoining Clearance Areas, Section 42 Housing Act, 1957.	1. Unfit for human habitation.	Nil	Nil
		2. Included by reason of bad arrangement.	Nil	Nil
		3. On land acquired under Section 43(2) Housing Act 1957.	Nil	Nil
	Not in or adjoining Clearance Areas.	4. As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 16 or 17(1) Housing Act, 1957.	7	7
		5. Local authority houses certified unfit by Medical Officer of Health.	3	3
		6. Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts.	Nil	Nil
		7. Houses included in unfitness orders under para. 2 of the 2nd Schedule to the Land Compensation Act, 1961.	Nil	Nil
	Number of houses included above which were previously reported as closed in pursuance of closing orders or undertakings.	8. In or adjoining Clearance Areas.	Nil	Nil
		9. Not in or adjoining Clearance Areas.	Nil	Nil

		No. of Houses	No. of Separate Dwellings
B. Unfit Houses Closed	1. Under Secs. 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957, and Sec. 26 Housing Act 1961.	3	3
	2. Under Secs. 17(3) and 26, Housing Act, 1957.	Nil	Nil
	3. Parts of Buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957.	5	5
C. Number of Persons Displaced	1. From houses to be demolished in or adjoining clearance areas.	41	
	2. From houses to be demolished not in or adjoining clearance areas.	39	
	3. From houses to be closed.	3	
	4. From parts of buildings to be closed.	13	
D. Number of Families Displaced	1. From houses to be demolished in or adjoining clearance areas.	15	
	2. From houses to be demolished not in or adjoining clearance areas.	13	
	3. From houses to be closed.	3	
	4. From parts of buildings to be closed.	4	

E. Unfit Houses made fit.	1.	After informal action by local authority.	by owner	<u>Houses</u>	-
	2.	After formal notice under Secs. 9(1) and 16(1), Housing Act 1957.	(a) by owner		-
	3.		(b) by local authority		-
	4.	After formal notice under Public Health Acts.			-
	5.	Previously included in a clearance order which has been or will be modified or revoked under Section 24, Housing Act 1961.			-
	6.	Previously included in a demolition order which has been or will be revoked under Section 24, Housing Act 1957.			-
	7.	Previously included in a closing order which has been or will be determined under Section 27, Housing Act 1957.			3
F. Other Houses in which defects were remedied.	1.	After formal notice under Public Health Acts.			53
	2.	After formal action under Sec. 9(1A), Housing Act 1957.			
			(a) by owner		-
	3.		(b) by local authority		-
	4.	After informal action by local authority.			21
G. Unfit Houses in temporary use.	1.	Under Sec. 48, Housing Act 1957.		<u>Houses</u>	<u>Separate Dwellings</u>
	2.	Under Sec. 17(2) Housing Act, 1957.		-	-
	3.	Under Sec. 46, Housing Act, 1957.		-	-
H. Purchase of Houses by agreement.		Houses in clearance areas other than those included in confirmed orders or compulsory purchase orders.		<u>Houses</u>	<u>Occupiers</u>
				8	11

The total figures since 1945 are :-

Year	Clearance	Areas	Demolition Orders		Closing Orders		TOTAL	
	Houses Demolished	Persons Dis- placed	Houses	Persons Dis- placed	Houses	Persons Dis- placed	Houses	Persons Dis- placed
1945/50	399	1,875	55	432	1	4	455	2,311
1951	139	339	2	4	10	19	151	362
1952	67	220	76	298	8	36	151	554
1953	112	362	64	194	27	120	203	676
1954	-	-	33	103	37	131	70	234
1955	-	-	22	82	21	81	43	163
1956	109	-	4	22	23	119	136	141
1957	31	3	15	74	15	59	61	136
1958	2	184	3	26	23	51	28	261
1959	57	-	4	39	29	107	90	146
1960	10	-	10	92	34	105	54	197
1961	-	-	46	23	11	52	57	75
1962	-	-	28	13	20	68	48	81
1963	-	-	27	1	7	16	34	17
1964	-	-	20	-	9	50	29	50
1965	-	7	2	17	11	41	13	65
1966	73	221	9	2	13	31	95	254
1967	65	177	-	3	18	49	83	229
1968	41	137	-	9	18	53	59	199
1969	70	78	34	-	38	109	142	187
1970	6	1	46	40	39	120	91	161
1971	1	4	35	14	11	34	47	52
1972	-	41	7	39	8	16	15	95
	1,182	3,649	542	1,527	431	1,471	2,155	6,646

No. of dwellings included above which were previously regarded as Closed (now demolished).

1961 - 1971 : 141)
1972 : Nil) 141

In addition to the above figures, 165 prefabricated dwellings have been demolished.

HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

	1971		1972	
	With State Assistance	Unaided	With State Assistance	Unaided
<u>Houses Completed</u>				
Permanent Traditional - Contractor	124	-	90	-
Permanent Non-Traditional	-	-	-	-
<u>Houses in Progress</u>				
Permanent Traditional - Contractor	73	-	145	-
Permanent Non-Traditional	-	-	-	-
<u>Houses Approved by M.H.L.G.</u>	161	-	-	-
<u>Houses Completed Post War by Council</u>				
Permanent - Traditional	3,076	-	3,166	-
Permanent - Non-Traditional	-	-	-	-
100 Wimpey	-	-	-	-
50 Myton	-	-	-	-
24 Shipyard	-	-	-	-
2 Albion Depot	174	2	174	2
<u>Permanent Pre-Fabricated</u>				
B.I.S.F.	72	-	72	-
Concrete (South Farm)	44	-	44	-
<u>Houses Completed by Private Enterprise</u>				
Traditional	34 (Wharton St. Help the Aged)	376	-	303
<u>Houses Completed Post War by Private Enterprise</u>				
Traditional	-	1,885	-	2,188
Non-Traditional	-	-	-	-

APPLICATIONS

COMPLETIONS

Year	Approved	Refused	Owner/Occupied		Tenanted		Owner/Occupied		Tenanted	
			Grant		Grant		No.	Grant	No.	Grant
1955/ 71	460	11	£ 70,255.44		£ 59,435.79		132	£ 42,999.52	243	£ 48,110.50
1972	160	-	£127,043.53		£ 44,461.82		79	£ 75,720.48	15	£ 14,606.37
	620	11	£197,298.97		£103,897.61		211	£118,720.00	258	£62,716.87

..... £301,196.58

469 £181,436.87

CONVERSION APPLICATIONS

CONVERSION COMPLETIONS

Year	Approved	No. of Dwlg's	Owner/Occupied		Tenanted		Owner/Occupied		Tenanted	
			Grant		Grant		No.	Grant	No.	Grant
1955/ 71	55	57	£ 21,748.87		£ 4,164.00		30	£ 14,359.80	9	£ 2,203.00
1972	26	26	£ 35,574.62		£ 1,494.00		14	£ 17,435.40	2	£ 2,861.29
	81	83	£ 57,323.49		£ 5,658.00		44	£ 31,795.20	11	£ 5,064.29

..... £ 62,981.49

55 £ 36,859.49

DISCRETIONARY GRANTS - CANCELLATIONS

No.	Owner/Occupied Grant	Tenanted Grant
1	£721.50	-

STANDARD GRANTS - SUMMARY

APPLICATIONS

COMPLETIONS

Year	Approved	Refused	Owner/Occupied		Tenanted		Owner/Occupied		Tenanted	
			Grant		Grant		No.		Grant	
1955/ 71	160	1	£ 15,235.50		£ 7,562.50		95		£ 11,400.67	
1972	23	-	£ 4,777.50		£ 810.00		24		£ 4,975.59	
	183	1	£ 20,013.00		£ 8,372.50		119		£ 16,376.26	

..... £ 28,385.50

171 £ 23,315.64

AVERAGE COST PER COMPLETED DWELLING - 1955/72

DISCRETIONARY:	469	...	£ 181,436.87	=	£ 386.85 per house
DISCRETIONARY CONVERSIONS:	55	...	£ 36,859.49	=	£ 670.17 "
STANDARD:	171	...	£ 23,315.64	=	£ 136.35 "

1972 COMPLETION COSTS

DISCRETIONARY:	110	...	£ 110,623.54	=	£1,005.67 per house
STANDARD:	28	...	£ 5,983.06	=	£ 213.68 "
TOTAL GRANT AID			£ 116,606.60	=	£1,219.35

STANDARD GRANTS - PROVISION OF AMENITIES

Year	Fixed Baths or Shower	Wash Basins	Sinks	Hot Water Supplies	Internal Water Closets
1955/ 71	111	119	5	111	140
1972	20	21	5	23	28
	131	140	10	134	168

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS

MARKETS, STALLS AND DELIVERY VEHICLES REGULATIONS

It is pleasing to report that detailed inspection of food premises and vehicles was resumed during the year. These revealed a considerable number of contraventions, mostly minor in character, but which nevertheless indicates the necessity for constant supervision for which there is no substitute, and I should like to pay special tribute to the zeal and efficiency of Mr. Curran who joined the staff during 1972 and who was primarily responsible for this work.

One special item of note is that Blyth Round Table held an open-air "It's a Knock-out Competition" in Croft Park on 20th May, 1972.

All organisations taking part were circularised regarding the requirements and the importance of food hygiene and they are to be thanked for their willing co-operation in that no problem arose.

FOOD PREMISES

In accordance with the instructions of the Secretary of State for the Department of Health and Social Security, the following information is given regarding food premises in the Borough :-

Bakeries	5	Hotels	3
Combined Bakeries		Restaurants	5
and Shops	5	Cafes and Snack Bars	7
Retail Shops	10	Grill Rooms	1
Butchers	21	Ice-Cream Manufacturers	1
Cooked Meats	7	Licensed Premises	42
Departmental Stores	3	Licensed Clubs	20
Factory Canteens	5	Off-Licences	12
Fish Fryers	17	Mineral Water Manufact.	1
Fish Wholesalers/Retail	3	School Kitchens	8
Food Warehouses	8	Domestic Science Rooms	9
General Dealers	52	Sugar Confectionery -	
Greengrocers	13	Retail	20
Grocery & Provisions	28	Sugar Confectionery -	
		Manufacturers	1

A total of 307

REGISTRATIONS

The number of premises registered under Section 16 of the Act is as follows :-

Bakehouses	10	Ice-Cream Manufact.	1
Butchers	15	Ice-Cream Retailers	112
Cooked Meats	8	Wet Fish & Shellfish	3
		Fish Fryers	17

NEW REGISTRATIONS

Cooked Meats 1

Ice-Cream 2

THE ICE CREAM (HEAT TREATMENT) REGULATIONS, 1959 TO 1963

There are 2 Registered ice-cream manufacturers in the Borough from whom the following samples were obtained :-

Grade 1 : 11

Grade 2 : 1

Grade 4 : 2

MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS

There are 57 Registered Distributors selling milk in bottle only; four Dairy/Milk Stores and one Dairy/Pasteurising Plant in the Borough.

Samples of Pasteurised Milk taken by the County Health Inspector gave the following results :-

	Methylene Blue		Phosphates Test		Count		Total Samples
	Test		Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory	
	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory					
Pasteurised	49	-	49	-	-	-	50
Ultra-heat treated	-	-	-	-	1	-	

DISEASES OF ANIMALS

No notifications were received.

SLAUGHTER OF POULTRY ACT, 1970

There are no poultry processing premises within the Borough.

UN SOUND FOOD

The following complaints as to Unsound or the presence of foreign bodies in food were dealt with :-

- | | | |
|-----|--|--|
| 1. | Cheese affected by mould. | Referred to Whitley Bay Health Department. |
| 2. | Stale brown dough in white loaf. | Manufacturer informed. |
| 3. | Wood splinter in loaf. | Manufacturer informed. |
| 4. | Unsound tin of meat. | Complaint unwarranted. |
| 5. | "Foisty" taste of frozen chicken. | Retailer informed. |
| 6. | Sausages affected by mould. | Manufacturer and Retailer informed. |
| 7. | Loaf affected with mould. | Manufacturer and Retailer informed. |
| 8. | Unpalatable appearance of tinned salmon. | Manufacturer informed. |
| 9. | Insect in fish and chips. | Manufacturer informed. |
| 10. | Insect in loaf. | Manufacturer informed. |
| 11. | Elastic band in cake. | Manufacturer informed. |
| 12. | Cheese affected with mould. | Manufacturer informed. |

UN SOUND FOOD (Cont'd)

The following additional foodstuffs were surrendered and on inspection found to be unfit for human consumption :-

	<u>Tins</u>	<u>Pkts.</u>	<u>Jars</u>	<u>Lbs</u>	<u>No.</u>
Meat	233	160	-	13	-
Fruit	183	-	-	-	-
Vegetables	311	50	-	-	-
Fish	17	270	-	-	-
Milk	27	-	-	-	-
Puddings	15	-	-	-	-
Fruit Juice	31	-	-	-	-
Soup	72	-	-	-	-
Cereals	26	-	-	-	-
Jam	49	-	-	-	-
Eggs	-	-	-	-	150
Pastries	29	-	-	-	-
Condiments	2	1	-	-	-
Ices	-	79	-	-	-
Tea	-	1	-	-	-
Coffee	-	-	1	-	-
Preserves	-	-	7	-	-
Fats	-	-	-	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	-
Cheese	-	8	-	-	-
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	995	569	8	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	150
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PUBLIC HEALTH.

PART II - SANITATION AND BUILDINGS.

DRAINAGE, REFUSE AND VERMINOUS PREMISES.

The undermentioned free services were provided during the year, once again with an increase in the removal of discarded household effects.

Cleansing of choked drains:	98
Removal of unwanted household effects:	3,629
No. of houses treated for insect pests:	424

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

The current practice of draining a series of buildings in combination by means of separate foul and surface water drains to individual dwellings, connecting to private sewers usually situate in garden ground, which in turn are connected to principal sewers or pumping mains under the highway, can give rise to many difficult problems, practical, legal and financial, to overcome defects which may subsequently arise.

That the Council are also concerned with this is evidenced by their decision to engage the services of Drainage Consultants to investigate problems which have arisen on a newly-developed residential estate in the Borough, and it is hoped that any recommendations they may submit will be implemented without delay.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

Towards the end of the year work was well advanced by direct labour under the supervision of the Borough Engineer on the culverting of Meggie's Burn to its junction with the Lysdon Burn by 100-yds. of 48" and 1,200-yds. of one-metre corrugated bituminised piping, at an estimated cost of some £25,000, including soil-stripping, restoration, fencing and compensation.

On completion, apart from the obvious improvement to the overall condition of the Meggie's Burn Tip, it is anticipated that not only will further land be available for reclamation, but also for transfer to recreational purposes and for extension of the Newsham Caravan Site.

PART III - NUISANCES.

2,177 visits and interviews were made in connection with general public health matters. (See Summary, Page 39).

PART IV - WATER SUPPLY

The water supply to the Borough is entirely by mains supply by the Newcastle and Gateshead Water Company. The principal source is Coquet water from the North treated at the Warkworth Treatment Plant and then by main at a rate of 6,000,000 gallons per day to the Water Board. At a point North of Seaton Burn the trunk main sub-divides and delivers bulk water direct to the Borough.

The Tynemouth supply is taken from Fontburn or Mitford or occasionally the Warkworth Treatment Plants. No fluorides are added.

I am indebted to the Water Board for the following figures of supply, bacteriological and chemical analyses :-

<u>Source of Supply</u>	<u>Thousand Gallons</u>
Newcastle & Gateshead Water Company	396,727
Tynemouth Corporation Water Department	17,983
	<u>414,710</u>

In the course of the year 25 samples were taken by the Board from the distribution system and all were free from coliform organisms.

The water is not known to be plumbo-solvent and to contain a trace amount only (0.1 ppm as F) of fluoride.

In addition, 28 samples of drinking water were taken by the Health Department from various sampling points in the Borough, as under :-

<u>Site</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Tynemouth Water</u>	
St. Ronan's Drive, Seaton Sluice	8
Beach Corner Cafe, " "	2
<u>Newcastle & Gateshead Water</u>	
Co-operative Dairy	1
Morpeth Road School Kitchen	2
Newsham Primary School Kitchen	1
Malvins Close First School Kitchen	1
Grammar School Kitchen	1
Dinsdale House	1
Bates Colliery Canteen	2
McGregor's Canteen	1
John Temple's Canteen	1
Mermaid Cafe	1

Newcastle & Gateshead Water (Cont'd)

South Newsham Camp Site	1
Ridley Park Drinking Fountain	2
Co-op Bakery, Newsham	1
Seghini's Factory	1
Plessey Avenue	1

CHEMICAL ANALYSES

NEWCASTLE AND GATESHEAD WATER COMPANY

Typical Results of Chemical Analyses of Filtered Waters
from Warkworth Treatment Plant

	<u>Max.</u>	<u>Min.</u>	<u>Mean</u>
pH Value	7.8	6.2	7.2
Free CO ₂	20	2	10
Alkalinity (as CaCO ₃)	130	20	86
Hardness: (as CaCO ₃)			
Total	170	60	128
Carbonate	130	10	86
Non-Carbonate	70	20	42
Calcium	120	40	86
Magnesium	60	20	42
Chlorides (as Cl)	25	10	16
Sulphates (as SO ₄)	64	34	46
Silica (as SiO ₂)	5.8	0.4	2.4
Fluorides (as F)	0.2	0.1	0.1
Iron (as Fe)	0.20	0.01	0.05
Manganese (as Mn)	0.05	0.05	0.05
Dissolved Solids	280	115	195

Chemical results in milligrams per litre

This is a river-derived water the composition of which can vary from time to time. The maxima and minima quoted are not to be regarded as absolute values but rather as limits not likely to be exceeded in normal circumstances.

PREVENTION, TREATMENT AND NOTIFICATION OF
INFECTIOUS DISEASES - PART V

64 visits were made and 9 faecal specimens submitted to the Public Health Laboratory in connection with suspected food poisoning, dysentery and other infectious diseases (28 of these visits re abrus beads).

Following national publicity on the possible hazards arising from the use of highly poisonous seeds (Abrus Precatorius) in the manufacture of costume jewellery, 20 suspect articles, necklaces, belts, etc. were surrendered to the Department.

These were submitted to the Forensic Laboratory for examination and where confirmed the articles were destroyed.

MORTUARIES AND POST-MORTEM ROOMS - PART VI

The Mortuary was used on 2 occasions, details being :-

<u>Authority</u>	<u>Bodies</u>	<u>Post-Mortems</u>
Borough of Blyth	2	Nil

As before, Mr. Wade acted as Mortuary Attendant.

The decline in the number of times post-mortems are carried out on the premises is principally due to the transference of these to the Ashington General Hospital to meet the wishes of the Pathologist.

PROVISION OF BATHS - PART VIII

Bolam Park Swimming Baths

Bacteriological Analyses

28 water samples were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological analysis, with the following results :-

<u>Site</u>	<u>Probable No. of Coliform</u> <u>bac. per 1000 ml.</u>	<u>No. of</u> <u>Samples</u>
Inlet - Learners' Pool	Nil	7
Outlet- " "	Nil	7
Inlet - Main Pool	Nil	7
Outlet- " "	Nil	7

PADDLING POOL, RIDLEY PARK

Regular pH and Residual Chlorine tests proved satisfactory.

MISCELLANEOUS - PART X

Tents, Vans and Sheds

The Council's South Newsham Caravan Site continued to be operated satisfactorily.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1961

Ruinous and Dilapidated Buildings and Neglected Sites

The following action was taken by the Department during 1972 :-

Section 26

6/8 Hildyard Street	Acquired by Council and demolished.
Craft Cleaners, Hildyard St & Trotter St.	Acquired by Council and demolished.
82/84/86 Croft Road	Cleansed and secured by Owners.
76 Hambledon Street	- do -
46 High Street	-do-
31/33 Middleton Street	- do -
47 Beecher Street	- do -
3 Bishopton Street	- do -
15 Wanley Street	Cleansed and secured by Council in default
29/31 Marlow Street	- do -
11 John Street	- do -

ALLOTMENTS

Albion and Brickyard Gardens

Planning approval was given for the use of the whole of the land for educational purposes.

This will terminate what has been a long-standing eyesore by reason of their use as scrap yards and general dumping grounds.

Wensleydale Allotments

The decision of the Council to acquire 9.54 acres of land for housing purposes will again do much to mitigate an unsightly open area on one of the principal approaches to the town.

Grantham Street Allotments

These small allotments, in multiple ownership and occupation, were the subject of complaint by reason of the gradual encroachment of new housing development in this area.

The gardens are primarily used for horticultural purposes and the principal complaint is their unsightliness by reason of the materials used in construction of fencing and miscellaneous buildings.

It may be that they are now detrimental to the amenities but they do not pose any health hazard.

Despite this the owners and occupiers have been approached with a view to general improvement and there is a possibility that at least part of the gardens will be discontinued by reason of alternative development.

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

The position at the end of 1972 was :-

Link House Gardens, Blyth
(Holiday Site)

Amended planning permission without
limitation of time
issued 15th June 1965.
Site licence issued 17th June 1965.
Further planning consent granted 1972
for extension of site.
Site works in progress at end of year.

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Service Garage,
Links Road.

Existing use site licence
issued 15th November 1963.
No caravans on site.

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Old Pottery,
South Newsham
(Permanent Residential)
Maximum Twenty Caravans)

Renewal site licence to expire
31st December 1971;
issued 9th December 1966.
Application pending.

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Malvin's Close
(Permanent Residential)
Maximum Eight Caravans

Renewal site licence to expire
31st December 1972;
issued 15th December 1967.

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High House Farm,
Bebside
(One residential caravan)

Renewal site licence to expire
30th April 1973;
issued 7th July 1970.

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South Newsham Road
(Holiday Site
Maximum 108 caravans)

Planning permission issued
28th September 1970.
Site licence issued 16th October
1970. No further progress with
preparation of site.

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CIVIC AMENITIES ACT, 1967

Removal of Abandoned Vehicles

Action was taken in respect of 36 abandoned vehicles, of which 18 were removed by the owners, the remaining 18 being removed by the Council.

THE CLEAN AIR ACTS 1956 AND 1968

No progress was made towards the formation of Smoke Control Areas in the Borough.

Strict control has been maintained by the Department over new development but there were no applications for Prior Approval during the year.

Factories Act 1961

Inspections for the purposes of the Act are shown on the following table which do not include visits to factory premises for other public health reasons.

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	3	3	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	109	22	2	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excl. out-workers' premises)	9	9	-	-
Total	121	34	2	-

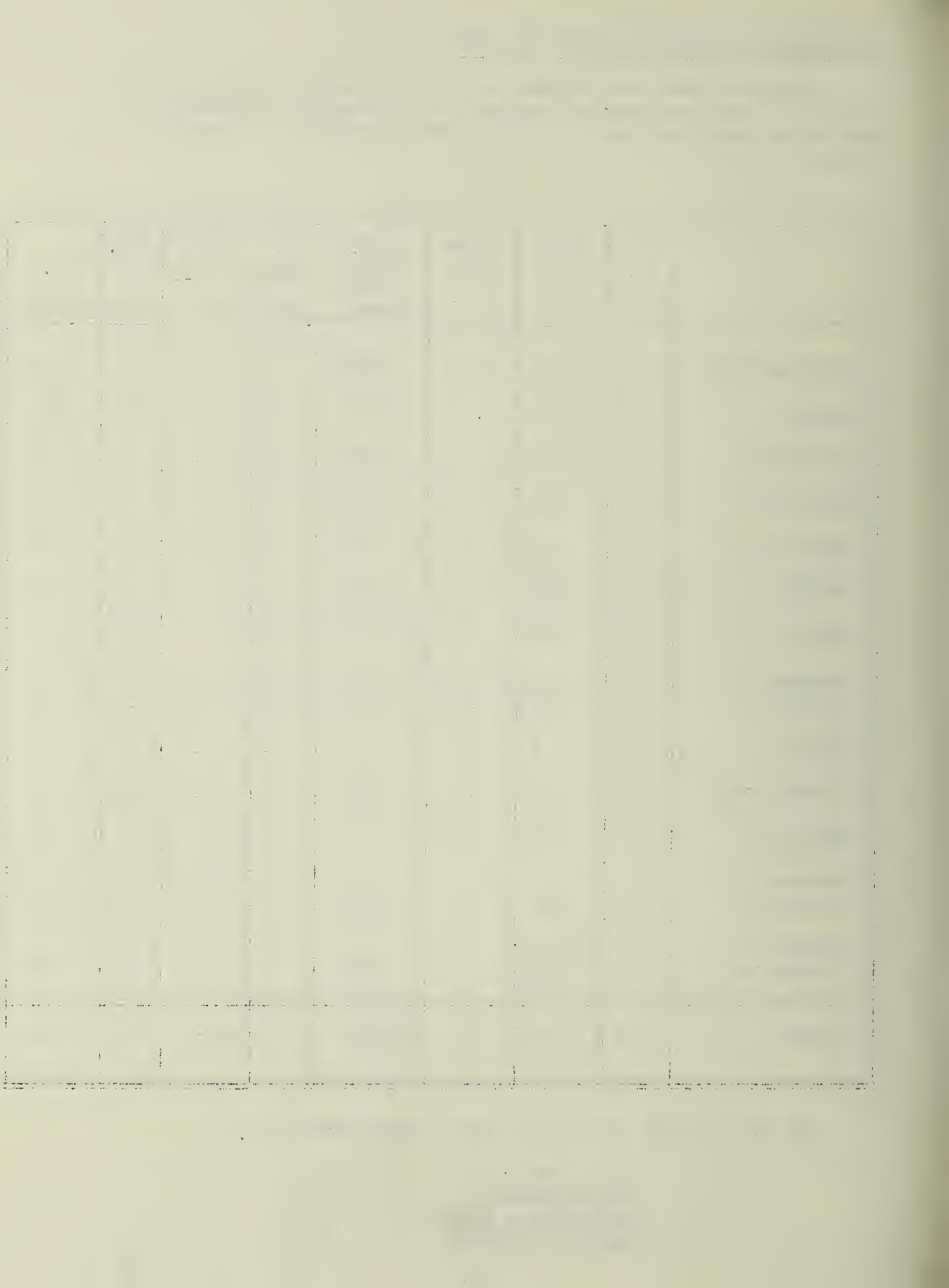
PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Regular surveys and treatment of infested premises were continued during the year with regular treatment of the Meggies Burn Refuse Tip and twice yearly test and maintenance sewer treatments. Details shown below :-

	No.	Baits Laid	Traps Laid	Ozs. Poison Bait Taken	No. of Bodies		Est. Kill	No. of Visits
					Rats	Mice	Rats	
Dwellinghouses	100	407	6	181 $\frac{1}{4}$	5	41	17	223
Gardens	88	342	-	703	29	-	174	326
Allotments	8	65	-	380	31	-	95	32
Food Shops	12	154	-	52 $\frac{3}{4}$	2	18	5	29
Other Shops	7	76	-	27 $\frac{3}{4}$	1	13	2	19
Schools	4	62	-	30 $\frac{1}{4}$	2	6	5	10
Farms	1	10	-	64	3	-	16	4
Licensed premises	2	57	-	11	-	4	-	5
Cafes	1	3	-	4	-	-	1	4
Caravan Sites	2	31	-	64	4	-	14	8
Hospitals	1	10	-	-	-	-	-	3
Business premises	33	634	-	570 $\frac{1}{4}$	17	65	88	95
Council properties	9	291	-	547 $\frac{3}{4}$	45	4	208	36
Total:	268	2,142	6	2,636	139	151	625	794

In addition, the following surveys were carried out :-

Local Authority	-	5
Dwellinghouses	-	30
Agricultural Premises	-	11
Business Premises	-	59



DEPOSIT OF POISONOUS WASTES ACT, 1972

A comprehensive questionnaire was prepared and issued to all commercial premises where scheduled toxic wastes might be used and refuse tips in the Borough were checked and found clear.

Minimal quantities of toxic chemicals were found to be used and in the few cases concerned arrangements were already in hand for disposal by official contractors outside the Borough.

The Borough Engineer also confirmed that no industrial toxic wastes were being discharged to the sewers.

PET ANIMALS ACT

There were 3 renewals.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS

The sole animal boarding establishment at Furnace Road, Bebside, was re-licensed for the boarding of 15 dogs and 15 cats.

RIDING ESTABLISHMENT ACTS 1964 AND 1970

Following a Veterinary Surgeon's report, a renewal licence was issued for the sole riding establishment at Wensleydale Allotments.

ANIMAL DESTRUCTION

I am indebted to the Secretary of the R.S.P.C.A. for the following figures of animals humanely destroyed at the Albion Depot:-

Dogs	108
Cats	18
Miscellaneous	8

NO. OF INSPECTIONS MADE DURING 1972.

	<u>TOTAL.</u>	<u>GRAND TOTAL.</u>
<u>PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936.</u>		
Complaints - general:	797	
Dirty or verminous premises - L.A:	31	
- Private:	29	
Allotments:	17	
Drainage/Sewerage:	207	
Keeping of animals:	2	
Destruction of pigeons:	3	
Public Conveniences:	2	
Refuse Tips:	9	
Watercourses:	14	
Water supplies:	9	
Spoilbanks, Shale Removal, Reclamation:	1	
Re-inspections re outstanding Notices:	419	
General -- interviews, etc:	390	
	<hr/> 1,930	1,930
<u>PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1961.</u>		
Defective premises (Sec. 26):	36	
Ruinous & dilapidated bldgs. (Sec. 27(1)):	129	
Neglected sites (Sec. 27(2)):	67	
Demolition & clearance of sites (Sec. 29(5)):	15	
	<hr/> 247	2,177
<u>CARAVAN SITES & CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960.</u>		
Existing:	12	
Proposed - applications and enquiries:	7	
South Newsham Camp Site:	5	
	<hr/> 24	2,201
<u>CIVIC AMENITIES ACT, 1967.</u>		
Sites:	53	
Vehicles:	84	
	<hr/> 137	2,338
<u>CLEAN AIR ACT, 1958/68.</u>		
Smoke nuisances:	9	
	<hr/> 9	2,347
<u>DISPOSAL OF POISONOUS WASTES ACT, 1972.</u>	2	
	<hr/> 2	2,349
<u>DEVELOPMENT CONTROL.</u>		
Clean Air; Factories Act; Food & Drugs;		
Offices, Shops & Rlway. Premises Act;		
Public Health:	22	
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C/F:	22	2,371

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	<u>TOTAL.</u>	<u>GRAND TOTAL.</u>
B/F:		2,371
<u>FACTORIES ACT, 1961.</u>		
Mechanical power:	22	
No mechanical power:	3	
Building & Engineering operations:	1	
Outworkers:	3	
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	29	2,400
<u>INFECTIOUS DISEASES (NOTIFICATIONS) ACTS.</u>		
Investigations, etc:	32	
Food poisoning:	4	
Visits & enquiries re Abrus Beads:	28	
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	64	2,464
<u>NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1960.</u>		
Investigations:	2	
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	2	2,466
<u>OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.</u>		
Offices:	22	
Shops - retail:	61	
Whole Depts. or Warehouses:	4	
Catering Establishments open to the public:	32	
Accident investigations:	1	
General - interviews, etc:	55	
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	175	2,641
<u>PESTS ACT, 1949.</u>		
Council properties:	27	
Other properties:	41	
Allotments; Agricultural Holdings:	1	
Refuse Tips:	5	
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	74	2,715
<u>PET ANIMALS, BOARDING & RIDING ESTABS. ACTS.</u>		
Inspections and interviews:	12	
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	12	2,727
<u>ADMINISTRATION.</u>		
General interviews, etc:	512	
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	512	3,239
<u>HOUSING ACT, 1957.</u>		
Applications and general enquiries:	314	
Housing survey:	93	
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	407	3,646
<u>PART II - INDIVIDUAL UNFIT.</u>		
Inspections, repair & Undertakings:	66	
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C/F:	66	3,712

	<u>TOTAL.</u>	<u>GRAND TOTAL.</u>
B/F:		3,712

PART III - SLUM CLEARANCE.

Clearance Areas - survey:	67	
" " - general inspections:	251	
Compulsory Purchase Orders:	58	
Redevelopment Areas:	13	
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	389	4,101

PARV IV - OVERCROWDING.

Investigations:	20	
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	20	4,121

HOUSING ACT, 1964.

Houses in multiple occupation:	5	
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	5	4,126

HOUSING ACTS 1969/71.

Improvement Grants - inspections & interviews:	1,811	
Qualification Certificates:	122	
Council house fumigation - decant:	21	
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	1,954	6,080

COWPEN QUAY GENERAL IMPROVEMENT AREA.

Interviews:	16	
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	16	6,096

FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955.

Bakehouses:	6	
Bakery & Confectionery:	14	
Butchers:	26	
Cafes, Restaurants, Canteens & Snack Bars:	23	
Fish Fryers:	21	
Food Manufacturing:	1	
General Dealers:	32	
Greengrocery:	7	
Grocery & Provisions:	26	
Ice-cream:	4	
Licensed premises (including Public Health):	47	
Markets, Stalls & Delivery Vehicle Regs:	68	
Sugar Confectionery:	2	
Wet Fish:	2	
Examination of unsound food:	113	
General:	127	
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	519	6,615

MILK & DAIRIES ORDERS.

Dairies and equipment:	1	
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C/F:	1	6,616

	<u>TOTAL.</u>	<u>GRAND TOTAL.</u>
B/F:		6,616
<u>SAMPLING.</u>		
<u>Bacteriological.</u>		
(a) Water:	56	
(b) Ice-cream:	14	
(c) Other foods:	4	
(d) Faeces:	9	
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	83	6,699
<u>Chemical.</u>		
(a) Water:	2	
(b) Other foods:	1	
(c) Miscellaneous:	1	
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	4	6,703
No. of Informal Notices served:	86	
No. of Statutory Notices served:	87	
No. of houses & buildings treated for eradication of insect pests:	424	
No. of items of furnishing, bedding, etc. destroyed by request:	3,629	
Choked drains cleansed:	98	
Informal Notices complied:	23	
Statutory Notices complied:	111	
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	4,458	11,161
<u>LAND CHARGES ACT, 1925.</u>		
<u>Searches:</u>	948	
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	948	<u>12,109</u>

